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"Tissues from the Irradiated Dog/Mouse Archive".

Final Report

Archive of tissues from irradiated dogs and mice was moved from Argonne National Laboratory to Northwestern University. These tissues are now available to researchers upon request. A website with complete archive documentation is nearing completion (<http://www.wololab.com/index.php?go=tissueArchive>); this information will aid sample request procedure.

We have organized tissue archives of dog and mouse tissues located at Argonne National Laboratory and packed them into boxes according to the animal numbers (for dogs) or according to both animal numbers and experiment numbers (for mice). We have also organized and packed written information that did not exist in the electronic information database (15 file cabinets). At the same time we have arranged that the electronic dog and mouse tissue databases, containing information on the archives, be transferred from Oracle to Microsoft Access format.

The move of tissues and hard-copy-only documentation was done and the tissue samples and documents were moved to Cancer Center's Olson Building (Room 8-025) at Northwestern University. Space provided by the NU Cancer Center is sufficient for storage of tissues and some of the documents. This space, however, was insufficient to house hard copy autopsy report documents; moreover lack of electronic format information on autopsy reports was interfering with the ability to request tissues offsite. Therefore, these documents were scanned or photographed and integrated into electronic database. Several electronic copies of the databases were made to safely preserve the information; in addition, a server computer is being set for public access to this information.